

**Amendments to the claims**

Please cancel claims 10-15 and 32 and amend the claims as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Previously Amended) An isolated nucleotide sequence comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7.
4. (Currently Amended) A maize plant cell transformed by the nucleotide sequence of Claim 3.
- 5-8 (Cancelled).
9. (Currently amended) A maize plant transformed by a nucleotide sequence of Claim 3.
- 10 – 26 (Cancelled)
27. (Previously Amended) An expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence of Claim 3.
- 28 – 30 (Cancelled)
31. (Currently Amended) A maize plant cell comprising the vector of claim 27.
- 32-33(Cancelled)
34. (Original) A nucleotide sequence as represented in ATCC deposit no. 98931.
- 35-58 (Cancelled)